On Board the *[Le] Hero[s]*, 1 [Thermidor](http://thelouvertureproject.org/index.php?title=Thermidor), an X. [July 12, [1802](http://thelouvertureproject.org/index.php?title=1802)]

[General Toussaint Louverture](http://thelouvertureproject.org/index.php?title=Toussaint_Louverture) to General [Bonaparte](http://thelouvertureproject.org/index.php?title=Napol%C3%A9on_Bonaparte), First Consul of the French Republic.

CITIZEN FIRST CONSUL: I will not conceal my faults from you. I have committed some. What man is exempt? I am quite ready to avow them. After the word of honor of the [Captain-General](http://thelouvertureproject.org/index.php?title=Leclerc) [General Leclerc] who represents the French Government, after a proclamation addressed to the colony, in which he promised to throw the veil of oblivion over the events which had taken place in [Saint Domingo](http://thelouvertureproject.org/index.php?title=Saint-Domingue), I, as you did on the 18th [Brumaire](http://thelouvertureproject.org/index.php?title=Brumaire), withdrew into the bosom of my family. Scarcely had a month passed away, when evil-disposed persons, by means of intrigues, effected my ruin with the General-in-chief, by filling his mind with distrust against me. I received a letter from him which ordered me to act in conjunction with General Brunet. I obeyed. Accompanied by two persons, I went to [Gonaïves](http://thelouvertureproject.org/index.php?title=Gona%C3%AFves), where I was arrested. They sent me on board the frigate *Creole*, I know not for what reason, without any other clothes than those I had on. The next day my house was exposed to pillage; [my wife](http://thelouvertureproject.org/index.php?title=Suzanne_Simone_Baptiste_Louverture) and my children were arrested; they had nothing, not even the means to cover themselves.

Citizen First Consul: A mother fifty years of age may deserve the indulgence and the kindness of a generous and liberal nation. She has no account to render. I alone ought to be responsible for my conduct to the Government I have served. I have too high an idea of the greatness and the justice of the First Magistrate of the French people, to doubt a moment of its impartiality. I indulge the feeling that the balance in its hands will not incline to one side more than to another. I claim its generosity.

Salutations and respect,

Toussaint Louverture

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***Directions***: Using your knowledge of Toussaint L’Ouverture, the history of the Haitian Revolution, & what you know about Napoleon’s effects in conjunction with ***Toussaint’s Open Letter*** provided for you, answer the following questions as completely, with as much detail, & as thoroughly as possible.

1. Who is Toussaint addressing this letter to? Why?
2. According to Toussaint, what is his explanation as to why he was arrested?
3. Why would the French Generals do this?
4. What had happened to Toussaint’s home, wife, & children due to his arrest?
5. Why do you think Toussaint ends his letter with the example of a mother as compared to himself? Based on what you read, what do you think is/was the intention of this letter?
6. Ultimately what happened to Toussaint L’Ouverture? Why did the French do this?